



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of:

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DETERMINATION OF
LEUCOCYTES AND
MEASUREMENT OF
HAEMOGLOBIN IN A SAMPLE
OF BLOOD

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-11 without prejudice as to their readmission and admit the following substitute claims:

--12. A single reagent for the simultaneous determination of total leucocytes, and basophile polymorphonuclear leucocytes, and for the measurement of hemoglobin in a sample of blood, said reagent comprising:

a buffer suitable to adjust and maintain the pH to an acidic value;

at least one cationic detergent;

a nitrogenous compound; and further comprising

the absence of cyanic compounds.

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